

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 37. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Good	Excellent
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	68.9	67.5	70.8	66.2	70.3	73.5
• Passed 2 subtests	16.9	15.3	14.9	17.8	16.2	15.1
• Passed 1 subtest	6.2	7.6	11.2	10.0	8.9	7.5
• Passed no subtests	7.9	9.6	3.1	5.9	4.6	3.9

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	22.4%	22.5%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	22.4%	24.1%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	55.3%	54.5%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

	Seniors		
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	92.7%	22.4%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	66.7%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	94.2%	23.7%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	89.0%	18.4%	
Female	96.3%	25.9%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	85.5%	3.0%	
Hispanic	0.0%	0.0%	
White	99.0%	37.0%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	83.7%	0.0%	
Pay for lunch	97.4%	28.8%	

### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	79.7%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	19.1%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,265	N/A	\$5,662	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	89.7%	Down from 90.6%	90.3%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	24.7 to 1	N/A	26.0 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=773)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	33.3%	N/A	51.1%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.7%	95.2%	95.3%
• Retention rate	9.1%	Up from 6.6%	9.4%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=52)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	12.4 Days	Up from 6.2	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 95.6%	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	38.5%	Down from 39.6%	53.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	90.4%	Up from 74.1%	83.1%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	3.2%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	88.7%	Up from 86.8%	86.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,248	Up 4.6%	\$38,985	\$38,125

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	4.5%	Down from 6.6%	3.0%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.4%	N/A	55.7%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	7.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	55.2%	N/A	60.1%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	11.1%	Up from 8.8%	9.1%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	42	N/A	27	29
• Gifted and talented	8.0%	Up from 4.9%	9.9%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	11.7%	Up from 11.6%	10.9%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	1.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	148	N/A	397	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	21.7%	N/A	23.7%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Emerald High School is an inviting student-centered environment which continues to build a tradition of excellence in academics and extra-curricular activities. With high expectations, a strong instructional program, a great staff, supportive parents and talented students, this year was an outstanding one. Among our accomplishments are the following:

- Our school was recognized as a "School of Promise" by SCASA.
- Our school has formed a Professional Development School Partnership with Lander University.
- Through the PDS partnership teachers have received over \$4500 in grant/staff development activities.
- Air Force JROTC received a \$1000 grant enabling us to start a school-wide recycling program.
- Over \$17,000 was donated to local charities by students' services projects.
- Three students were accepted to the Governor's School Summer Programs.
- Three students are currently enrolled in the Governor's School for Math and Science at Coker College.
- 45% of our students participated in extra-curricular activities.
- Our school provided an after-school homework center with transportation for all students.

Through the use of the School Improvement Process self-study for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, we plan to continue to focus on continuous improvement in the areas of:

- Standardized test scores.
- Reduction of the dropout rate.
- School safety.

Charles L. Graves, Principal

## EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	92.2	71.7	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	96.1	82.5	
Satisfied with home-school relations	58.8	81.5	

## DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 773 Students

## Principal

Mr. Charles Graves 864-941-5730

## Superintendent

Dr. William Steed 864-941-5400

## Board Chair

Dr. W.T. Holmes 864-223-4692

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent

## South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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